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Daily allowances to Members of Legislative Council.

*317 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what action has been taken on the token motion brought by me during the Budget debates on 19th March 1928 in connexion with the Legislative Council, in order to grant daily allowances to Members of Legislative Council a day before and a day after Council meetings?

A.—The motion has been given effect to. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. Press No. 370, Legislative, dated 25th August 1928, a copy of which has been communicated to the Members of the Madras Legislative Council.

Reforms

Action taken on the resolution for the boycott of the Simon Commission.

*318 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what steps have been taken by the Government (1) on the Reserved side and (2) on the Transferred side to carry out the resolution passed in this Council on 25th January 1928 on the question of the boycott of the Simon Commission?

A.—Under the Devolution Rules, the sphere of the Transferred side, i.e., the Governor with his Ministers, is defined by schedule II of these rules. The subject of the Statutory Commission does not come within the scope of any matter mentioned in that schedule. The recommendation of the Council passed on the 25th January 1928 was therefore treated as a matter to be dealt with by the Governor in Council and was duly complied with and a copy of the resolution and of the debate thereon were forwarded to the Government of India by order of the Governor in Council.

Memorandum on the working of the Reforms in this Province.

*319 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government was first asked to submit a memorandum on the working of the Reforms in this Province to the Government of India for submission to the Simon Commission;

(b) whether since then they have been asked to submit the memorandum direct to the Simon Commission and if so, the date of their receipt of this communication; and

(c) the body or authority to whom as a matter of fact the memorandum has been submitted, and the date on which it was submitted?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) To save time this Government was instructed in April 1928 by the Government of India to send copies direct to the Commission at the same time as the memoranda were sent to the Government of India.

(c) The instructions of the Government of India were complied with during the months of May and June 1928.